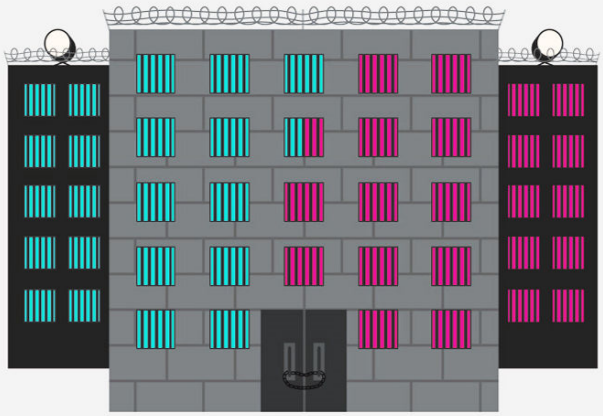
MASS INCARCERATION

WITH ONLY 5% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, THE

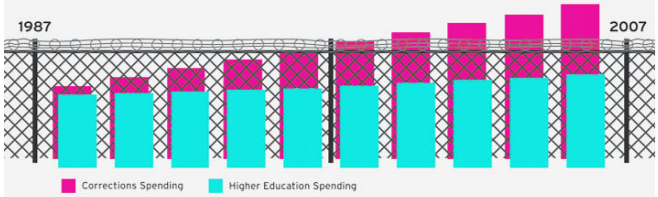
U.S. HAS 25% OF THE WORLD'S PRISON POPULATION. 1

★ World Population ★ U.S.'s % of Overall Population ★ U.S.'s % of Prisoner Population



% of Non-Violent Offenders % of Violent Offenders

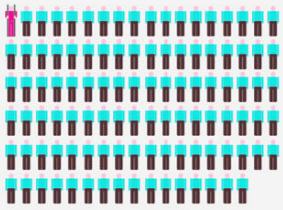
NEARLY HALF OF ALL PRISONERS IN STATE PRISONS ARE LOCKED UP FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES. 2



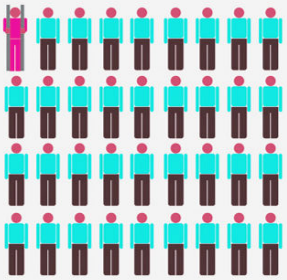
BY 2007, STATES SPENT MORE THAN $44 BILLION ON INCARCERATION AND RELATED EXPENSES, A 127% JUMP FROM 1987. OVER THIS SAME PERIOD, SPENDING ON HIGHER EDUCATION ROSE JUST 21%. 3

THE U.S. PRISON POPULATION ROSE BY 700% FROM 1970 TO 2005, A RATE FAR OUTPACING THAT OF GENERAL POPULATION GROWTH AND CRIME RATES. 4

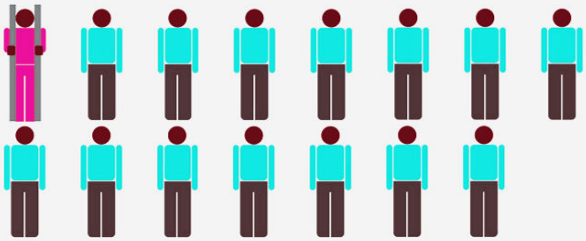
1 IN EVERY 106 WHITE MALES AGE 18 OR OLDER IS INCARCERATED. 5



1 IN EVERY 36 HISPANIC MALES AGE 18 OR OLDER IS INCARCERATED. 5



1 IN EVERY 15 BLACK MALES AGE 18 OR OLDER IS INCARCERATED. 5



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